



The Civic League Ledger



December 2024

CoVB Considering Billing For Ambulance Service

Unlike other cities in Hampton Roads, pre-hospital emergency medical care and ambulance transport has been provided free of charge in Virginia Beach. City Council was recently briefed on a study to roll out EMS (Emergency Medical Service) billing. The study was commissioned by the Va. Beach Council of Rescue Squads, Inc., also known as the Rescue Council.

On Dec. 10, City Council will vote on a resolution to prepare for an ambulance billing system, with final approval during the budget approval process next spring.

VB Rescue, a system of 10 individual volunteer rescue squads, collaborates with the Dept. of EMS. Last year there were 54,000 service calls, with approximately 70% of those calls resulting in a hospital transport.

Rescue squads are funded through donations, grants and money from the general fund, but have faced a decline in fundraising and increasing costs for supplies, pharmacy items, ambulances and more.

The Rescue Council supports "compassionate billing," a practice that could include not charging for ambulance service when the user cannot pay and reducing or eliminating co-pays for insured residents. It is stressed that no patient would ever be denied services. If a billing program is not approved, City Manager Duhaney said residents could face higher taxes to cover the department's increased costs. He also said there would be public outreach to inform citizens about the proposal.

You can see the Council's briefing at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6n-CIU7VlpY>

Princess Anne Plaza

Civic League

*General league meetings are the
SECOND Tuesday of the month
(except July and August)
and begin at 7 p.m.*

2024 Dates

December 10

2025 Dates

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.
3427 Club House Road

Our PAPCL email address:

PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com

Our PAPCL website:

<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddy.com>

*Both the following links take you to the
PAPCL Facebook page; however, the
first link title is edited and renamed
for user convenience.*

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/PrincessAnnePlazaCivicLeague>



President's Corner

Hello everyone! By the time you read this, I hope you've lost all that weight from your Thanksgiving feast! I trust everyone was able to give thanks for family, friends, and loved ones during the holiday.

On tap for December is our monthly meeting on the 10th. After a brief business meeting, we'll all enjoy some fellowship and good food with our other members in the Holiday spirit. Some things to look forward to in the coming year are gaining new members, new sponsors and advertisers for the newsletter. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on the above items I just mentioned.

We'll also have an update on the new Princess Anne Plaza signs the Executive Board is working on, and we'll share that information on how that process is coming along.

Please remember, this is YOUR civic league. We want to hear from you. Give us your ideas and suggestions on how we can make this organization the best in the area. You are the most valuable resource we have.

In the spirit of the season, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa!

President George "Buddy" Wall

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Public Utility Emergencies

Water: 757-385-4171

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November PAPCL Meeting Highlights

__The October minutes were read and the treasurer gave a report, noting 21 new and renewing members paying dues last month.

__Vickie Bright gave a presentation on the AAA 2025 bus tours, and noted AAA membership was not required to participate. Vickie provided general details to be expected such as two tour guides for each trip, kneeling busses, restrooms on the bus and relief stops every two hours for maximum comfort. Upcoming trips are Washington DC (Cherry Blossom Festival), Nashville (Opryland and more), Niagara Fall (Ontario, passport required), Branson, Boston (Haunted Happenings) Asheville (Biltmore Christmas),

__Membership Chair Ruth Snider said we have 33 funded members, and her committee meets in January to discuss ways of increasing membership.

__Changes to the League's bylaws and constitution were approved unanimously, with a highlight that dues have increased to \$25.

__Location approval was given for the new neighborhood signs. One sign will be on the southwest side of I-264, and the second sign will be at the corner of South Plaza Trail and Windsor Oaks Boulevard. The project is expected to be complete by the spring of 2025.

__December's meeting will be short so members can enjoy a potluck holiday celebration. Wear holiday attire!

__Erica Cooper, Manager, Windsor Woods Area Library, said there's easier access to the building now that construction equipment has been moved. "Stay Sharp" kits, designed to reduce adult memory loss is available as is the food pantry listing. The Mayor's Youth Council overnight event for younger teens is Dec. 13; visit the library for more information.

__Our newsletter advertisers were thanked for their support, which

includes two new advertisers – SonRise Church and Wade Insurance.

__The CoVB applied for a grant to assist with funding construction of the Bow Creek Stormwater Park. Fran Sansone offered for reading the League's letter of support for awarding the grant to the City

__Buddy provided some VBPD safety tips: don't leave weapons or valuables in your vehicle, avoid road rage, BITKI "Beep It To Keep It" and always lock your vehicle, and keep your key fob near your bed which could be used to alert others in case of an emergency.

__Member Ivy Kennedy shared info on the November 14 Holiday Lights at the Beach Bike Hike, which is free and open to the public.

VBCCO News

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) meets on the 3rd Wed. of the month at the Bow Creek Recreation Center, 6:30–8 p.m.

December 18 – Two speakers: CoVB Compliance and Development Officer, Dept. of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation will give a presentation on the Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan. The VBCCO goal is to provide information to civic leagues and offer an opportunity for community/citizen input for this plan.

The second speaker is from PiN (People in Need) Ministries. Attendees are asked to bring one or more pairs of new socks for distribution to the homeless.

January 15 - Brandon Kyle, Manager, VBPD Real Time Crime Center.

February 19 – CoVB Planning Dept. Zoning Administrator will speak on "by-right" zoning versus "discretionary" zoning and answer questions about the Zoning Ordinances

www.vbcco.org

Holiday Parade at the Beach and the Inaugural First Night Holiday Hike

The Holiday Parade at the Beach is December 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. The parade route runs from 15th to 25th Streets. This *FREE* event features lighted floats, giant balloons, dance groups, motorcycles, fire trucks, equestrian units and more.

Get family and friends together to start the New Year off attending the inaugural First Night Holiday Hike on the boardwalk on Jan. 1, 5:30 - 8 p.m. And, it's *FREE*! Entry is at 2nd Street.

Winter Weather Preparedness Week

Virginia's Winter Weather Preparedness Week is Dec. 2 – 6. Although the outlook for the winter 2024-2025 season is expected to be warmer and drier across Virginia, it's important to know how to prepare your home from winter weather impacts from snow, ice, wind and cold. Nor'easters and coastal storms can be as impactful as hurricanes.

You can find valuable resources, tips and information on how to prepare before, during and after an emergency at the following links:

<https://viriniabeach.gov/ReadyVB>

<https://viriniabeach.gov/connect/blog/readyvb-preparedness-tips-for-winter-weather-impacts>



The PAPCL, Inc. Executive Board wishes everyone a happy, healthy holiday season. We're looking forward to the New Year with many exciting League and community events, and plans to increase our membership and outreach.

SonRise @ Pembroke Manor Christian Church



600 Independence Blvd.
VA Beach ~ 23462
(757) 490-8290

www.SonRiseVB.church

Service Times:
Saturday 6:00 pm ~ Sunday 10:30 am

- * Bible Based Teaching *
- * Nursery & Children's Ministry Available *
- * Casual Dress *
- * Small Group Bible Studies *



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Dues are \$25 per year, per household, with the new membership year beginning in September. Dues support the civic league in the publication of the newsletter, social media, participation in community events, local church food pantries, and more.

Renewal & New Membership Form

Enclose this form with your payment of \$12

Last Name

First Name

Street Address in ZIP Code 23452

Telephone #

Cell Phone #

E-Mail Address For Newsletter Delivery. Please print clearly. Your information is for use only by the PAPCL.

Can you help the League by serving on the Executive Board or a Committee

Yes _____

No _____

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Newsletter is published ten times a year. There is 10% discount with a year's paid advertisement.

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